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In re Application of:

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Serial No. 09822,576

Filing Date: March 30, 2001

For Thin-Film Magnetic Head Having  
Lower Magnetic Pole Layer and Insulator  
Layer Behind The Lower Magnetic Pole Layer  
in The direction of Height of the Pole Layer,  
and Method For Manufacturing The Thin-Film  
Magnetic Head

Examiner: David D. Davis

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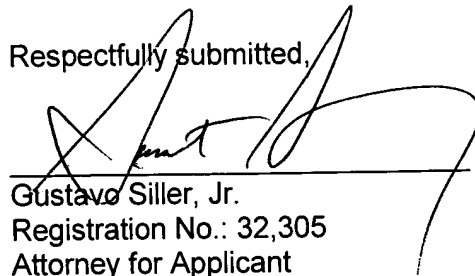
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Dear Sir:

Applicant has enclosed a copy of a Japanese Notification of Reasons for Refusal recently issued in related Japanese Patent Application 2001-097009. The date of the Japanese Notification is September 30, 2003 and the date of the communication transmitting this Japanese Notification is December 19, 2003. Applicants have also enclosed a copy of Form PTO-1449 listing the documents cited in this Japanese Notification as well as copies of the documents themselves. Applicants request that the Examiner review these documents prior to making them of record in this application.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 97(c). The undersigned attorney hereby states that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement. Accordingly, Applicant submits that no fee is required for this Information Disclosure Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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